New York March 10th 54.

Moses Wraspler Esqr.

Dr Sir;

Not having the pleasure of a personal acquaintance, although long known to you by reputation - and your long Connection with Christ Church as one of her Wardens I have taken the liberty of addressing you upon a Subject, which if agreeable to your inclination, can easily & speedily be regulated -

I am the Son of the late Dr. R. F. Glentworth formerly of the City of Phila. and Grandson to James Budden Esqr. Lt Colonel of the 1st City Troop - and as one of the heirs, have Commenced a suit, before one of your Courts, for the Recovery of which we are justly Entitled - and in their answer, the Defendants have filed their pleas - to prove our Relations ship with the parties -

What I wish from the Records of Christ Church to which they appear some difficulty in obtaining - is the following -

The date of the death of James Budden -	1778 -
The " " " " of his Wife Frances Budden -	1798.
The Marriage of my Mother Harriet S. Budden - with her first husband - Mr Borlock -	} 1789.
The Marriage of my Mother - Harriet S. Borlock - to my father Dr. Plunket Fleeson Glentworth.	} 1793 - 94.

James Budden — the son of Capt Richard Budden (the gentleman whose vessel brought the bells over for Christ Church) both are buried in Christ Church Burial Ground — 5th & Arch St — near the wall in the rear of the old Academy — Mrs Frances Budden his wife — and I presume Mrs Shaffer the daughter of Richard Budden — who lived & died at the Christ Church Hospital some years after the death of her brother James Budden — probably as late as 1795 or 96 — In her possession while at the Hospital — was the Budden family bible — containing the Genealogical tree — this is what we most desire — the birth of my mother — and being the daughter of James & Frances Budden — Her Marriage with my father — the Church Records will show — as Dr White married them — Her death — and likewise my father — are on the Records of St Pauls — being Senior Warden for over 25 years of that Church — and they both lie in the family vault in front of the Church —

Feeling satisfied that you will appreciate the motives, that actuate me in seeking the information — not with the view of gain — but to test our right —

I remain

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Edwd. Hopkinson Glentworth

76 Liberty St

New York

New York. March 10/54

Edw. H. Glenwood

Rev. Mr. McRae
29 April 1854

Mem Resolutions

1

My dear Sir

I beg you to present to the Vestry of the parish of Christ Church my most sincere acknowledgments.

This resolution respecting my own case of this parish in the choice of its rector are most grateful to my feelings. And I think Christ Church hits fixed succession the kind consideration extended to me in the discharge of my responsible duties, and the confidence and respect which have been shown to me by every member of the Congregation.

I thank you, my dear Sir, for the kind manner in which you have communicated to me the resolutions of this meeting. Praying that God may soon restore to your parish your Excellent & estimable rector, and wishing to you many years of his faithful labours, I am, my dear Sir

Yours faithfully
in the Body of our Lord
Thomas G. McRae

April 29th 1854

Washington D.C. May 5. 1854

Moses Kempton Esq.
Philadelphia

My dear Sir,

Your letter of yesterday was duly rec^d, but my recollection of the steeple of Christ Church is not sufficiently distinct to enable me to give an opinion on the subject you refer to. I am however, inclined to think, let the condition of the steeple be what it may, that it would be unwise to cut so large a portion out of one of its sides. The plan you propose for arching the opening and resisting the thrust of the arch by means of iron ties, may be executed so as to prevent effectually any lateral expansion, but the idea of taking some 1600 cubic feet of solid masonry, say 120 tons out of one of its sides is startling & should not be attempted without great consideration.

This steeple has been admired by every body I might almost say, for ages; every Philadelphian loves it — the City would not be Philadelphia without it, and he who suggests any alteration that might, by the remotest possibility, impair its strength, takes a fearful

responsibility, one that I would be very reluctant to take under any circumstances: – we must remember that it is nearly 200 feet high, that it contains a heavy chime of bells, and that the thickness of its walls is by no means excessive.

I have no distinct recollection of the conversation you allude to, but I have no doubt that it was an off hand suggestion to get over the difficulty of a want of room in the choir, but which would have been made the subject of the most careful deliberation had the idea been favorably received. I have a vague recollection of such an alteration having been proposed, and of pondering over the effect that the ringing of the bells would have on the entire mass if a portion of one side were removed, but what conclusion I came to, or how the subject was disposed of I have no idea.

Is there no possibility of enlarging the choir room by projecting the gallery further into the Church without injuring the Architectural effect? – it seems to me there is

Very sincerely Yrs

T. M. Walter

Washington D C
May 1854

Thomas U Walter

in answer to enquiry
respecting Cullen's through
Wall of Dome C L C
to test the Organ, tomb

90 South 4th Street

July 3th 1854

Moses Kempton Esq.

Senior Warden Christ Church

Dr Sir

Yesterday morning the 4th I placed myself in the tower of your Church whilst the ringers were striking what they denominated their most straining peal. My Oject was to observe the effect of such peal upon the side of the tower now cut out. It was only upon clinging to the wall & closing my eyes, that I could observe any motion in the walls; the West & East sides were thus tried, and I noted that the motion on the East side was a shade greater than on the west, But the entire vibration did not appear to be more than a full fifteenth of an inch; so slight was it that with open eyes I could not detect it. The apparent excess of motion on the East side will be entirely remedied when the Arch is put in & the tie rods adjusted to their bearings. I am well pleased that the opinions before given you turn out so correct—

Yr very Obt Svt

Jno McGrew

Arch

No 90 South 4th St.

July 5 — 1852

John McGee

Ans'

repair on Steps or Saw

Ringing Bell & Lighting when

the Mill was out

away to put the Oyster

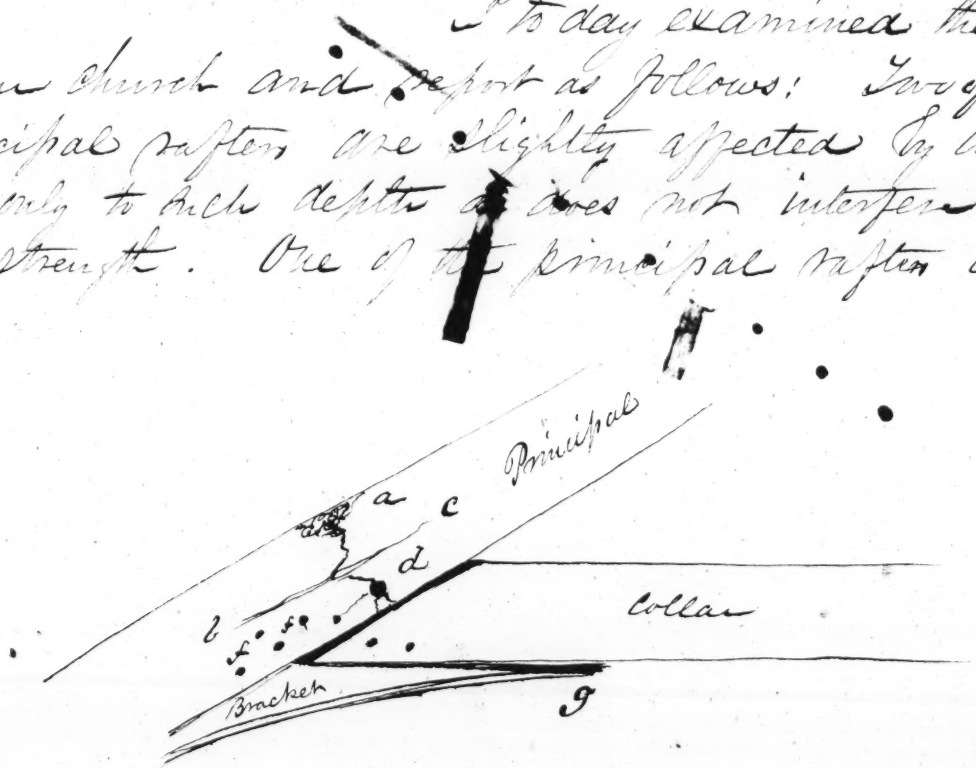
9 South 4th Street July 13th 1857

Moses Kempton Esq.

Senior Warden, Christ Church—

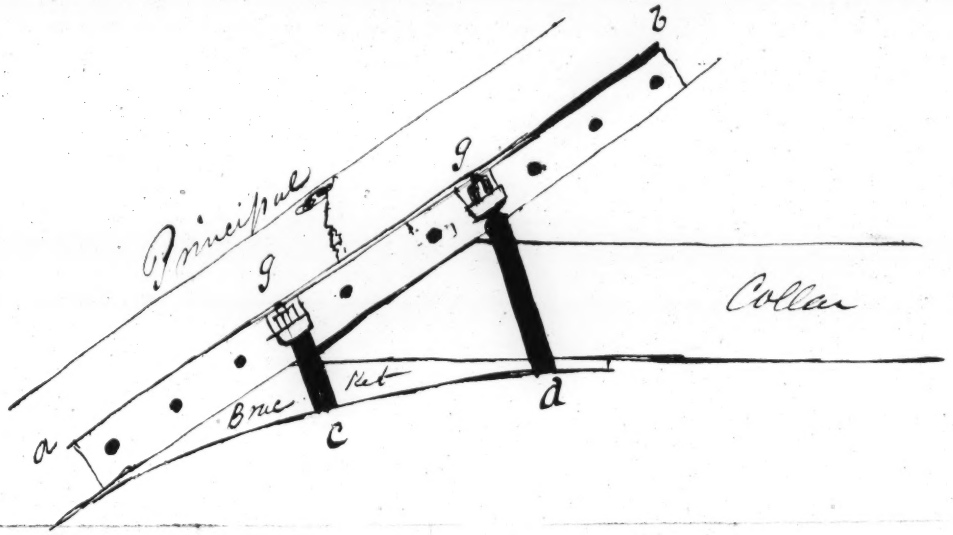
Dr Sir

I to day examined the Roof of your Church and report as follows: Two of the principal rafters are slightly affected by dry rot but only to such depths as does not interfere with their strength. One of the principal rafters is broken thus



a, represents a dry knot b, c a seasoning crack, d the pin hole of collar, f.f. a number of holes bored into the rafter without apparent purpose I have much weakened it. The rafter has cracked from the knot a to the seasoning crack b, c thence to the pin hole d. The collar has drawn one inch, the bracket has been forced down at the point g about 3/4 of an inch This break was mended in 38 by spiking to one side a plank the length of the principal rafters on each

side of the truss & the ceiling was made smooth the sinking has still been going on and will continue so until efficient ~~sea~~ repair is made this I have ordered as follows and it will immediately be put in practice -



A. b is a bar of wrought iron 1 x 6 inches put upon each side of the principal and bolted through. g. g are ears welded on each side through which pass the nuts of the two stirrups c & d these are screwed up hard so as to bring all as much as possible to its bearing. The bars a & b will then take the place of the principal -

Wm Oft Jun

Jno McGeis

Archt

July 13/64

John M Gross

on the defensive on the

Attack of Smalley

Cavalry

A.B is a bar of wrought iron 1 x 6 inches fixt upon each side of the principal and bolted through. G. G are bars welded on each side through which pass the nuts of the two stirrups C & D these are screwed up hard so as to bring all as much as possible to its bearing. The bars A & B will then take the place of the principal.

Wm Ofg Esq

Jno McGill

Archt

Broad Locust.
2 Nov. 54

Dear Sir

I thank you for your note of yesterday—
You omit to state the fact upon which I made my application; that Mrs. McMurtrie addressed a note to you, dated after the order to enter the names of the sons, signifying that I might have the pew—
I left that note at your office—

I am Respectfully
Your Ob. Sv.

Wm White

Moses Kempton Esq.

Nov 2/04

Mrs White